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**House Bill 6937 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE DEFINITIONS OF SEDATION AND GENERAL
ANESTHESIA**

The Department of Public Health supports House Bill 6937 and would like to thank the Public Health Committee for raising the Department's bill. This bill will update definitions of sedation and general anesthesia as they relate to dentistry to align with current national standards.

This language was drafted in collaboration with the Connecticut State Dental Association and is intended to revise the definitions of sedation and anesthesia, as it is used by licensed dentists, to be consistent with the terms and definitions accepted and approved by the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) on October 12, 1999 and last amended in October of 2014.

The language continues to require a dental anesthesia permit as defined in CGS, Section 20-123b for moderate and deep sedation and general anesthesia. The bill also removes the term "conscious sedation" and changes it to the term "minimal sedation" to be consistent the national standard of the ASA.

Thank you for the opportunity to share testimony on this bill.